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Promotion of Sports
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Government for promotion of sports in the country;

(b) whether the Government have recently reviewed the functioning of these schemes;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and deficiencies being identified during the review and the corrective measures taken by the Government; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to revamp these schemes and make them effective in near future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Department of Sports, is implementing only one Centrally Sponsored Scheme for promotion of sports in the country, namely, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) through fund sharing between the Centre and States. The RGKA Scheme provides for construction of a sports complex in each block of the country both for outdoor and indoor sports disciplines on land measuring about six-seven acres at a total cost of Rs. 1.60 crore (Rs. 80 lakh each for outdoor playfield and indoor sports hall). There is also a provision of Rs. 15 lakh for sports equipment to be
provided by the Department of Sports. The RGKA Scheme also provides for grant-in-aid for holding annual sports competitions, viz, Rural Sports Competitions, Women Sports Competitions, North East Games and Competitions in Left Wing Affected Areas.

(b) & (c) The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) envisaged creation of sports infrastructure through convergence of funds from different Schemes of different Ministries. However, infrastructure component of the RGKA could not take off due to non-availability of convergence of funds and State Component.

(d) The Ministry has held a series of Regional Workshops in States for ascertaining the views of the State Government/Union Territories. Based on the feedback, the RGKA Scheme is being restructured to make it a Central Sector Scheme.
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